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NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has recently announced to set up 78 new telephone exchanges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) propose to set up telephone exchanges during 2001-2002;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such telephone exchanges are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has planned to open 25,35 and 18 New Telephone Exchanges respectively during the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. had planned to set up two international gateway switches, one each at Hyderabad and on Internet Protocol and will cater to the growing international traffic from these cities. The number of international circuits planned at each location is 2900.

(e) The proposed MTNL Telephone Exchanges will be set up by 2003-2004 progressively as stated above. The VSNL international gateway switches will be setup by mid 2002.